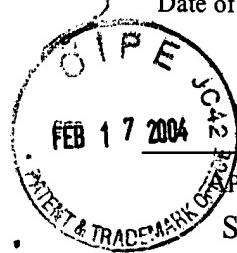


Express Mail Label No.: EV334318431US  
Date of Deposit: February 17, 2004

PATENT APPLICATION  
Attorney Docket No. 26780-500

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



APPLICANTS: William Payne Ross, *et al.*  
SERIAL NO: 10/616,069 EXAMINER: Not Yet Assigned  
FILING DATE: July 9, 2003 ART UNIT: 3736  
FOR: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETECTING AND ANALYZING  
ELECTROCARDIOLOGICAL SIGNALS OF A LABORATORY  
ANIMAL

February 17, 2004  
New York, New York

Mail Stop EXT.  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petitions for a two-month (2) extension of time to respond to the October 27, 2003 Notice to File Missing Parts of NonProvisional Application in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before February 27, 2004. A check in the amount of \$210.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 26780-500. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Dated: February 17, 2004

02/24/2004 WASFAW1 00000013 10616069

02 FC:2252

210.00 OP

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Hopkins

Reg. No. 42,669

Attorney for Applicants

MINTZ, LEVIN, COHN, FERRIS,  
GLOVSKY AND POPEO, P.C.

Chrysler Center, 666 Third Ave., 24<sup>th</sup> Fl.  
New York, New York 10017

Tel: (212) 935-3000

Fax: (212) 983-3115